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## COUNCIL LOSES ON FLATS

### They'll be mayor's neighbor

Six own-your-own units will be built next to the home of Altona's mayor, Cr. Les Crofts, despite objections from Altona Council.

The council fought the proposal at a Town Planning Appeals Tribunal hearing.

The flats will be built in Civic Parade by Simland Investments, of Millers Road Altona. Simland is the family business owned by Gary and Pam Simonds.

Mr. Simonds applied for a permit to build the flats at 72-74 Civic Parade last year, but he was turned down by the council.

He said then, that he believed the refusal stemmed from the fact that Cr. Crofts lived next door to the property.

Cr. Crofts took no part in discussion of the flats proposal in council.

"That doesn't mean much," Mr. Simonds said, who believes that councillors discuss matters privately before making decisions in open council.

After rejection by the council, Mr. Simonds took his application to the tribunal.

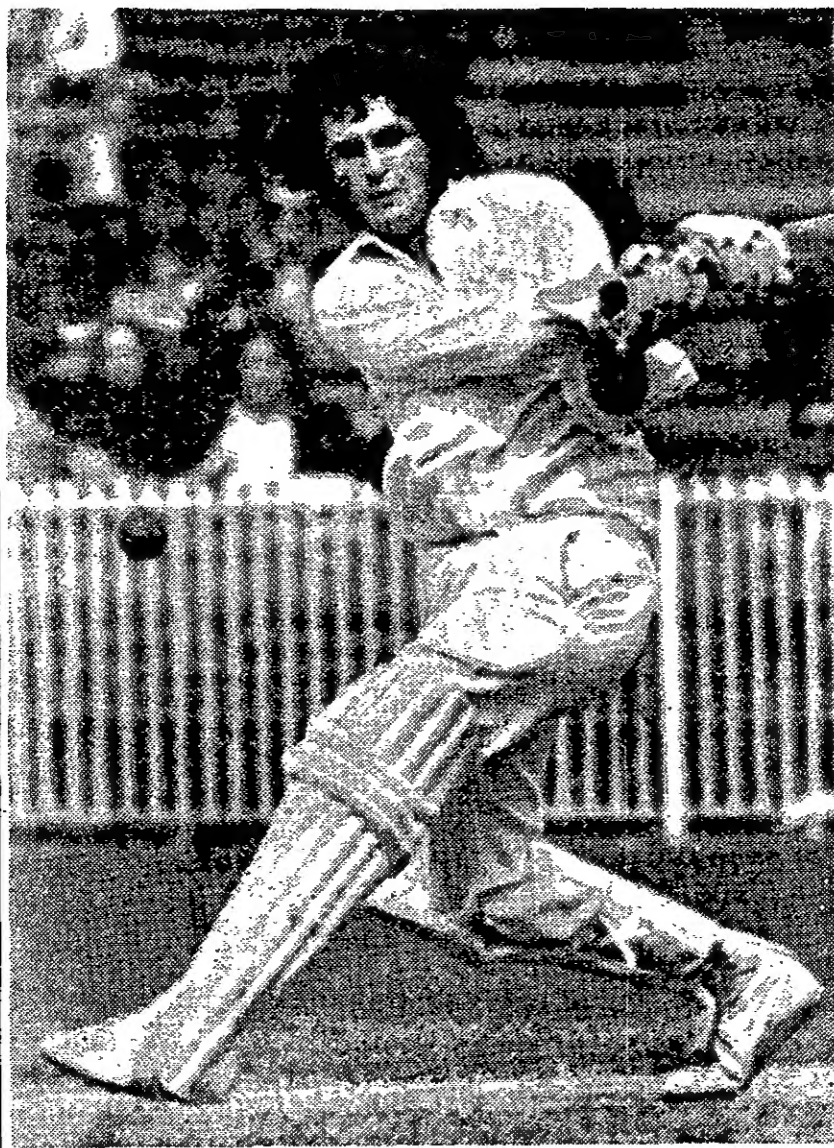
"The council was represented by a lawyer, and seven other people came along to lodge their objections to my plan," he said.

"They claimed that villa units would devalue surrounding properties, increase traffic in the street, and pollution.

Mr. Simonds said the flats would be started immediately.

They will sell for between \$35,000 and \$36,000. The property and will be landscaped.

### Bright star in west



● Local cricketer Ray Bright (pictured batting) is the western suburbs' only hope in the forthcoming Australian tour of England following Alan Hurst's failure to make the team.

### A city with a cash surplus!

Altona Council was complimented by the municipal accountant, Mr. R. Coster, on Tuesday night for its "sound financial position".

The council finished the year with a surplus of \$6807. It now has an accumulated revenue surplus of \$44,889.

Mr. Coster praised Altona's management and accounting procedures.

Cr. Doug Grant, deputy mayor and chairman of Tuesday's meeting, said it was apparent from Mr. Coster's report, and from financial comparisons with other municipalities, that Altona's executive officers were guiding the council with sound management.

"This has resulted in the council maintaining community assets like buildings and reserves at a good standard.

"In turn this reflects co-operation between the council staff, the councillors and an understanding community," Cr. Grant said.

The town clerk, Mr. Syd Fell, said after the meeting he believed councils should not be judged by financial reports alone.

"These are of paramount importance, but they are not the sole criteria for judgement of council administration," he said.

"While ratepayers like to have their rates in reasonable perspective, they also require councils to provide facilities needed under our present standard of living."

Mr. Fell said he believed Altona and its council could hold their heads high in comparison with other municipal standards.

"The facilities provided meet community needs, and we have a sound financial position as well," he added.

### Ampitheatre? not at lake

A plan for an open air theatre in Cherry Lake park has been vetoed by Altona councillors.

But the ampitheatre may be built north of the main football ground on Grant Reserve instead.

The theatre proposal has been brought to council's attention by Mr. J. MGuckian.

He suggested that a small ampitheatre be built on the recently-developed area south of Cherry Lake and east of Fresno Street.

The city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, pointed out to the council's general purposes committee that the chief attractions of the park area would be destroyed if the planned seating for 250 people were paved with slabs.

Alternative sites suggested by Mr. Simmons included the Grant Reserve area.

The engineer and the superintendent of parks and gardens are to report on the possibility of an ampitheatre at Grant Reserve.

### Wiltona future

The executive officer of the Western Region Committee on the Ageing, Mr. Frank Purcell, would like the Social Welfare Department to consider the possible use of Wiltona "white elephant" hostel in North Williamstown.

He has reservations about its use for emergency housing, as urged by Footscray Council's welfare officer, Mr. Harry Thomas, but would not oppose such usage.

Mr. Purcell arranged a recent inspection of the hotel by district council representatives and welfare officers, church authorities and other.

He would like another inspection and discussion on the site.

### MFB rails over tip fires

The fire brigade and Altona Council have swapped accusations of blame over fire-fighting at Altona tip.

The council believes that, for the \$62,000 Altona ratepayers payed the Fire Brigade Board this year, they are entitled to brigade attendance at tip fires.

The board believes the council should provide fire hydrants at the tip, and make engineering equipment available when fires break out.

The MFB Board deputy chief, Mr. E. Osborne, told the council this month that the brigade attended three fires at

the Railway Avenue tip during February.

He said at each fire, the brigade unsuccessfully sought help through the city engineer.

"The council's policy is that mechanical equipment will not be sent to the tip after normal working hours," he said.

Mr. Osborne said the nearest hydrant to the tip was in Merton Street, about a kilometre from the main tip gate.

He recommended that two hydrants be installed at the tip, and that the council reconsider its policy on the use of equipment after hours.

The city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, said the use of council mechanical equipment after hours could endanger workmen.

"The use of mechanical plant to control tip fires at night, when the plant operator cannot see properly and is likely to be affected by smoke, could be hazardous," he said.

"Consequently, the



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# Policeman, dean testify Supt. speaks for nephew

Violence was out of character for his nephew, the chief superintendent of Sunshine district police, Kevin Carton, told Williamstown Court on Thursday.

Supt. Carton was speaking for John Michael Sinnott, 20, who faced charges of causing grievous bodily harm, assault with a length of hose and unlawful assault.

After evidence was given, police withdrew all but the bodily-harm charges, on which Mr. D. Scully, SM, convicted Sinnott and fined him \$250, in default 28 days' in prison.

Sinnott, motor mechanic, of Dover Road, Williamstown, pleaded not guilty to all charges. Patrick Jackson, painter, of Hammer Street, Williamstown, told the court in a soft Irish brogue, that he and his wife went to a wedding in Altona on Saturday, February 5.

"A red panel van was parked outside my house when we got home after midnight and I went across the road to ask for

it to be moved," he said. "I knocked loudly on the door of a house. I thought I could see a light on, and I heard laughter from inside — that made me mad and I lost my temper and let one of the van's tyres down. . . .

"The next thing I know I woke up in hospital. Something hit me, and I hit the pavement.

"My lip was split open, and there was a cut over my eye. I stayed overnight in hospital."

Cross-questioned by Mr. F. James, Mr. Jackson said he didn't believe he drank much at the wedding reception. He did not remember his wife advising him to go into his house.

He denied kicking the panelling of the car, or letting down more than one tyre.

Constable Murray Matthews of Williamstown said Sinnott told police

he was asleep at his girl friend's house when he was woken by a loud banging at the door.

He went outside and saw a man who kicked the car's panelling.

He asked the man why he kicked the car and the man denied he did.

Sinnott said he became upset and supposed he hit the man several times.

Const. Matthews said: "Sinnott added: Hang on, I'd better tell you the truth I suppose. I had a bit of hose in my hand I'd picked up to protect myself with. I hit him with it because I was so wild."

Sinnott said the car was new and cost \$6000.

Chief Superintendent Carton gave evidence that his nephew did not readily resort to violence.

"He's a quiet boy, respectful to his parents, and an obedient fellow," said the Superintendent.

"He has never been in trouble."



Wed  
50  
years

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett, of Park Crescent, Williamstown, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary earlier this month. A party to mark the day was held at the Williamstown Elderly Citizens' Club, Ferguson Street where Mr. Bennett is president.

## Sunday services

The final confirmation class at St. Johns Church, Williamstown, will be held at 8 p.m., next Sunday after the 7 p.m. service.

The evening service will be conducted by the Rev. W. Barns.

The 10 am service at St. Johns will be conducted by the Rev. Laurance Slee and will end with holy communion.

At St. Stephen's, Williamstown, the Rev. Chester Hodge will conduct the 9.30 am service.

Miss D. McNeil will preach at Spotswood Methodist Church at 10.45 am.

The Rev. H. M. Moorhouse will conduct the holy communion service at Williamstown Congregational Church, at 11 am.

At Westgate Church, Newport, the service at 11 am will be conducted by Mr. Russell Dancey.

## THE EASTER STORY

A pre-Easter pageant, telling the story of Easter, will be presented at Newport Baptist Church, Mason Street at 7 pm next Sunday.

The Newport Baptist Male Choir, under the baton of Mr. Ray McKerracher and young people of the church will take part.

# Council worker bashed, abused

A group of youths abused and assaulted an Altona man employed by the Footscray Council "just for kicks", police told Footscray Court last Thursday.

One of the five youths faced the court on charges of unlawful assault, assault in company and using insulting words.

Mr. W. Guy, SM, said the charges — particularly assault in company — called for a prison sentence and remanded the youth in custody until April 14 for a pre-sentence report.

Anthony Kozowski, 17, of Nicholson Street, Footscray, pleaded not guilty to unlawful assault and guilty to the other charges.

Mr. Harold McGready, of Millers Road, Altona North, told the court he was a truck driver employed by Footscray City Council.

About 12.30 am on March 13, he was on duty in Buckley Street, Footscray, near Victoria Street, emptying litter bins.

Five youths began abusing him and throwing drink cans at him.

One threw a piece of timber about a metre long, which he picked up and put in the back of the truck.

He told them to stop or he would call the police but they continued to abuse him, McGready said.

He walked toward a telephone box and three of the youths ran down Victoria Street, Kozowski and another youth followed him to the telephone.

As he dialled the police, the youths tried to punch their way into the telephone box. One got the length of timber from his truck and hit him with it as he left the telephone box.

He received medical treatment for this later in the morning, but was able to keep working under difficulties.

Senior-Detective Glen Hyde, of Footscray CIB, said he went to the scene and spoke to Kozowski, who claimed the other youth attacked Mr. McGready.

But at Footscray police station later Kozowski agreed he was involved in the incident.

He said the five had been returning from Moomba and one of the group said: "There's that fat guy" and suggested they jibe at him.

Asked why, Kozowski replied, "We just don't like him", Sen-Det. Hyde said.

"I called him a fat pig," Kozowski told the detective.

They had all been calling Mr. McGready names and did it "just for kicks".

Asked why they assaulted McGready in the telephone box and tried to get into it, Kozowski said they were trying to stop him from calling the police.

Sen-Det. Hyde, prosecuting, withdrew the unlawful assault charge and said Kozowski had no record for offences of violence.

Mr. W. Guy, SM, said the assault in company in particular, was serious enough to merit a jail sentence.

But before deciding what this would involve he needed to know more about Kozowski, so would adjourn the hearing while a report was obtained.

He ordered that Kozowski be held in custody until he gets the report.

## Jesus Folk musical on

Jesus Folk, a musical that is a cross between Jesus Christ Superstar and Godspell, will be presented at the Williamstown Technical School auditorium this Saturday at 8 pm.

The musical presents the life of Jesus Christ and His relevance to today. Producer is Mr. Charles Green.

Tickets will be sold at the door or at Draytons Menswear, 80 Charles Street, Seddon; The Circle Pharmacy, 53 The Circle, North Altona; Three in One Shop, 44 Douglas Parade, Williamstown.

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# Dean helps youth who took drug

The Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral gave evidence for an 18-year-old Newport youth appearing before Williamstown Court on Thursday for drug offences.

The youth Glen Caldwell, apprentice structural steel worker of Severn Street, Newport, pleaded guilty to charges of possessing and smoking marijuana.

He was fined \$75 on the possession charge and given a good-behavior bond of a year on the charge of smoking.

Senior Sergeant Ken Stevens, of Newport police told the court he went to a house in

Williams Street, Newport on Friday, March 11.

"I spoke to another person there, and when there was a knock on the door, I answered it," he said.

"Two people were outside and asked: 'Is the Major in?' I said No, and did they want to buy drugs."

"They answered Yes. Caldwell had a small bag of green vegetable matter in his pocket which he identified as 'grass'."

Later at Footscray police station, Caldwell said he bought the bag, which was now only a quarter full of Indian hemp, from a man called the Major for \$10.

He smoked the rest. "Caldwell said he had been using marijuana for about four months, since

he had been surfing up the coast," Sen. Sgt. Stevens said.

Mr. Murdoch, for Caldwell, said the youth lived with his parents, and although out of work for six months after leaving school, he had tried desperately to get a job.

"He finally succeeded in gaining an apprenticeship and now attends trade school each week."

Dean Tom Thomas said he had known the Caldwell family for 13 years, since Mrs. Edna Caldwell began housekeeping for him and his wife.

"I can't claim to know Glen well, but I saw him from time to time when we visited their home and so on," he said.

"However, there was every indication that it was a happy home. This business has been a shock to the boy and his family."

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# 6 months jail for drug man

A distraught and weeping mother told Williamstown Court on Thursday that her son dealt in drugs and took part in a burglary "to help the underprivileged."

Norman Alan Benzley, 27, of North Road, Newport, pleaded not guilty to selling, possessing and smoking a drug of addiction, stealing music equipment valued at \$950, and trespassing with intent to steal.

Mr. Scully sentenced Benzley to six months' jail on the selling charge. The other drug charges were withdrawn.

Benzley was also sentenced to three months on each of the stealing and trespassing charges, but these terms are concurrent with the six months' drug sentence.

Benzley lodged an appeal against the sentence, but later withdrew it.

Benzley, unemployed, appeared in court with his long brown hair tied back. He wore a suit.

His mother, the first to give character evidence on his behalf, broke down on the way to the witness stand.

She embraced him and wept but he did not respond. She assured Mr. D. Scully, SM, that she was "all right", and would not be emotional.

## 'GONE WRONG'

In the stand she broke down again, she said she believed her son had gone wrong because she had "growled at him for being untidy".

Constable Greg Jones, of Newport police, told the court he went to a house in William Street, Newport, on February 11, where he saw a man called The Major sitting on a rug in the back yard.

"He had a large bag containing smaller bags of green vegetable matter in front of him. There was also a small bag containing \$199," Const. Jones said.

"I said: 'Police here,' and he replied 'OK you've got me nicely, I've got no guns or anything.'"

"He told me he was selling Indian hemp, that it was only a herb, and if anyone asked him for heroin or similar drugs, he told them to get out."

"He said he had bought the 'grass' earlier that evening, and smoked some to check that he hadn't been 'taken down'."

"He bought 1½ lbs. loose, and 90 buddha sticks — sticks of compressed 'grass' — which he sold for \$12 each."

"The loose hemp he sold in ounce and half-ounce packets for \$30 and \$15."

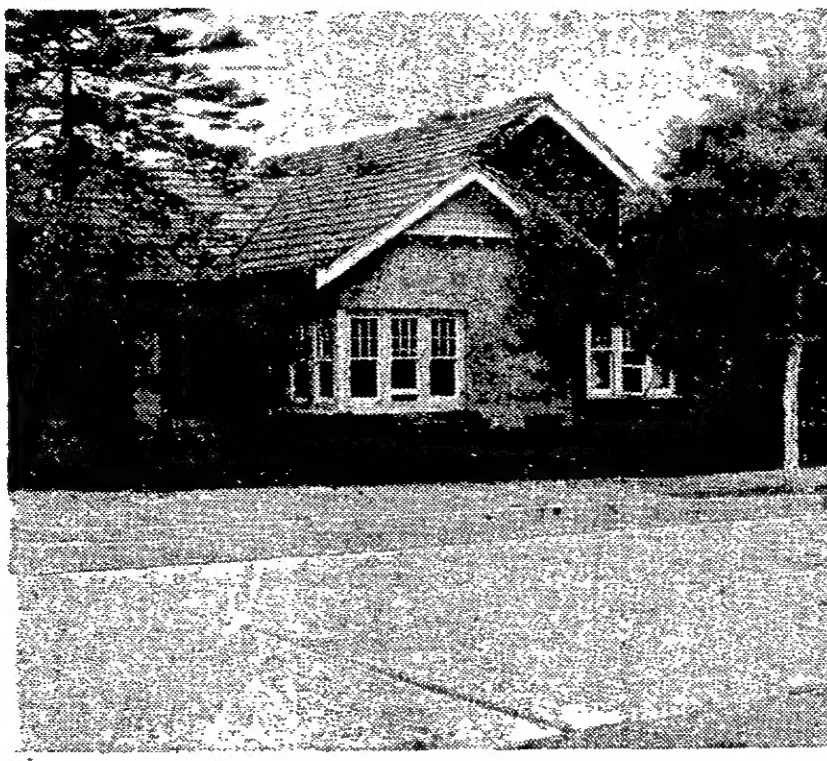
"Benzley said he bought the drug for \$1475 from someone he didn't know in a Sunshine park."

Const. Jones said two buddha sticks were bought from Benzley that evening with three \$10 notes marked by the police.

Benzley remarked that the law against marijuana was unjust.

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● The house in North Road, Newport, next door to the Newport Police Station, where this month's drug raid occurred.



## Hills are filled with an Altona gem rush

The hills were filled with the scraping sounds of shovels and spades ... the alien scent of sizzling sausages. And with wild shrieks of "I've f-o-o-o-u-n-d one" the Altona gem rush was on.

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And like their predecessors in the goldrush days, the sapphire seekers found the going tough. Two chivalrous men in waders ferried fellow diggers across a deep creek on their backs.

On the other side of the creek amid excited scrambling of dirt and dust, and much digging, scraping and sieving, there were cries of delight and moans of despair interspersed with the distant drone of jets in the Laver-on air show.

Domestic diggers fried sausages and chops on wood fires — and then it rained.

But nobody cared if the sausages were soggy as

finds were examined and compared with jealous eyes — least of all the golden-haired toddler who paddled in the shallows and got his pants wet — to become the first gem-rush streaker.

And the finds? Two dozen small sapphires, specks of gold and several glowing faces.

The whereabouts of this buried treasure ... ? You'll have to join the Altona Lapidary Club (398 1831) to find out.

Last Saturday night, the club, in conjunction with Brash's Ltd. held an evening of organ music at the Altona Senior Citizen's Club.

Brash's gave away records and vouchers, senior citizen and club members entertained each other with organ music and singing, an Easter egg was raffled and supper served.

Next meeting of the lapidary club at the Altona Community Centre (opposite the library), Queen Street, Altona, is on Tuesday, April 19, starting at 8 p.m.

## Street plan for Meadows

A private street scheme involving 733 landowners in Altona Meadows, south of Queen Street, has been approved by Altona Council.

Only 10 people objected to the scheme. Some think it is too costly, others that it is premature because the area is not yet residential.

The first stage of the scheme is underground and outfall drainage, which is needed before the land can be brought to a standard fit for housing.

An outfall drain the council will construct to serve this area and the adjacent Hanover-Woodfar development will cost \$950,300.

Hanover-Woodfar will pay 55 per cent of the cost.

Councillors were told at Tuesday night's meeting that the private company had developed its land at a cost of more than \$8000 a block, and could now sell them for about \$14,000.

Councillors adopted the scheme presented by the city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, without modification or alteration. Objectors can appeal.

## Library is open

The library at Footscray Institute of Technology will be opened to western suburbs students studying at tertiary level by correspondence.

This was announced on Monday by the institute's community-services librarian, Mr. Charles Emerton.

"For a fee of \$10 these students can obtain borrowing and other privileges from the FIT library," he said. "Ring me on 689 3400, ext. 274."

He said he understood there were some tertiary students living in the western suburbs and studying externally.

Among them were students studying by correspondence at such institutions as the University of New England and the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education.

## Eric joins in Easter prayers

Television veteran Eric Pearce will join a Roman Catholic bishop, an Anglican leader and a Methodist minister at a drive-in church service in the western suburbs on Good Friday.

It will be the ninth inter-denominational drive-in service organised by Footscray and Essendon Lions clubs.

Chairman will be the Rev. John Lanigan, of St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church, Moonee Ponds.

Guest speakers will be Bishop John Kelly, DD, formerly of St. Monica's, and the Rev. Barry Martin, director of the Anglican Inner-City Ministry.

The Rev. Andrew Pearce, superintendent of Footscray's Methodist Outreach Mission, will lead the prayers.

Eric Pearce, one of Australia's best-known TV and former radio personalities, will give the scripture readings.

The "Littlest Australian", Sally Boyden, will be the soloist.

The service starts at 11 am on Friday, April

8, at Hoyts Maribyrnong Drive-in Theatre in Rosamond Road, opposite Highpoint West shopping centre.

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## Poll change in '78

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have been brought into the elections forward to 8 pm will remain the  
operation this year, will several days in August, same.

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## Thief thought wrong

A Williamstown man told police who arrested him that he stole two cassette tapes "because he thought he might be able to get away with it".

He was wrong. A store detective was watching him, stopped him outside the store and took him back in.

The incident was at Woolworths' store in Nicholson Street, Footscray on March 16, Constable Geoffrey Stockton told the Footscray Court last Thursday.

Herbert Linscon, 20, of Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown, pleaded guilty to stealing tapes valued at \$10.98.

Const. Stockton said Linscon told him that he did not go to the store with the intention of stealing, but made the decision when he was looking over the cassette rack.

Sergeant Brian Coleman, prosecuting, said Linscon had no police record.

To Mr. W. Guy, SM, Linscon said he earned \$105 a week and had only himself to support.

The magistrate fined him \$150, or 15 days imprisonment.

### More sewers

Work starts next month on sewerage of properties in Civic Parade, Chifley Avenue, Fresno Street, Millers Road, Scullin Street and Cain Court, Altona. It will cost \$389,000 and take nine months to complete.

## Newport boy, 14, drowns

A 14-year-old Newport West boy, Vincent James Williams, drowned on Saturday, March 19, while on a duck-shooting trip in northern Victoria.

He got into difficulties when he went into Ebdon lagoon, west of Wodonga, to retrieve a duck.

His father, Mr. Ralph Williams, diver into the water but could not find him.

His body was recovered later.

Vincent lived with his parents in Blenheim Road.

The funeral was held in Albury on Tuesday afternoon last week.

## Lazy back with the blues

By RON COLEMAN

Good news for blues music fans... Lazy James is back.

Cunningly disguised as a clerk with the State Electricity Commission, Lazy James Kenvyn has shrugged off his recent lethargy, weeded his front lawn in Civic Parade, Altona, and formed a new band. Brylcream bass player Bill Boyd is retained as Lazy's anchorman.

New faces are Rob O'Toole, a back-to-front drummer formerly with Buster Brown, and an additional guitarist, Laurie Smith.

Lazy James admits he has lived up to his reputation in the past two years after rising to moderate fame with Lazy and the Rock and Terraplane.

Now he's back and ready to launch into new material.

Blues followers will remember a tight little band called Terraplane of which James was singer, guitarist and songwriter.

"Things went bad when we lost Gary, our drummer," Lazy James admitted.

"We had other guys in the band but they never really fitted in. Now I feel we've found the right line-up."

And I tend to agree. James' voice is better than ever, like maturing wine. Rob O'Toole belts out the right pace on skins.

It took the guys a while to warm up at the Crown last Saturday. New guitarist Laurie Smith is still feeling his way into the band and Bill Boyd still needs to hang loose a little more often.

Lazy James is undoubtedly the vital force in the band, the others looked mechanical alongside him. But I guess the guys are still getting to know each other.

With minimum use of volume the Lazy James Band really rocked the Crown Hotel last Saturday and a receptive crowd demanded more.

When it was all over, a curly-headed wench asked Lazy James "D'ya-know-any Santana numbers?"

Somebody should have told her Lazy James is too lazy to try imitating somebody else.

It's hard enough just being himself!

Lazy shrugged it off saying: "Somebody asked us if we knew any Neil Diamond numbers the other week".

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# Gulls give dazzling show out

Williamstown turned in a dazzling display at home last Wednesday — in a last-minute twilight game — and beat Brunswick, VFA First Division lightning-premiership premiers last year.

The venue was changed from Brunswick to Williamstown because of the former's ground being unavailable and only three terms were played.

The final scoreboard showed Williamstown with 16-6 (102) to Brunswick's 8-10 (58).

That the Gulls had a home ground advantage is certain; no Brunswick team has played at Williamstown since 1967.

But this takes nothing from Williamstown's win. It was a good one and captured the supporters who saw the match.

The Gulls jumped into action right from the first bounce and the first term finished with a 7-4 to 1-2 tally in Williamstown's favor.

And so it continued, with Bob Percy, Daryl Dixon, Laurie Taylor, Bruce Alexander scoring.

Frank Porcivina gave great drive from the centre. Mike Brown showed better form than that against Werrisbee. Tony McVeigh did well on the back line.

At the second change, Williamstown led by 6-5 and failing light led to a decision to play only another 25-minute term.

Ray Powley was firing as rover and goaled twice. Bob Percy and Dixon booted through the other two for the final term, to finish with a 44 point win.

## THE BIG DAY

But the big test comes next Sunday, when Williamstown meets Geelong West in the VFA's opening round in its centenary year.

Williamstown players and their coach, Mal Allen, are quietly confident of a good season and hope to start it with a win.

The match will be played at the Pivot ground and the clash between the Gulls and the 1975 premiership side is expected to draw a big crowd.

# ANA BEATEN BY RAIN

Newport ANA were beaten on the first innings by Brunswick Districts in the VJCA grand final of North A.

In reply to Districts' 279, ANA resumed at 9/189. ANA's innings closed at 194. Self scoring 15 with Becroft being 50 not out.

On the soft wicket, ANA's bowlers gave the opposition a torrid time and dismissed them in under three hours for 102. Fitzroy footballer Doug Searle top-scored with 22.

The most successful bowler was Alan Self, who gave a superb exhibition of seam bowling to take 6/38 from 13.5 overs.

Coach Geoff Horsburgh gave a hostile display of pace bowling to take 2/37 from 14 overs, and was unlucky to have many close decisions go against him.

Jeff Askew with 2/4 completed a successful pace trio.

ANA was left 188 runs to win in 80 minutes and 15 overs, not an impossible task with the improving wicket and short boundaries. Having scored 2/17, rain put paid to any chance of outright victory for ANA.

With the grand final over, ANA is already thinking of next season, having re-appointed Geoff Horsburgh coach for 1978, his third year in the job.

# Westside ladies

Members of Westside Ladies Club will meet in their new home, the Laverton Community Centre, 12 Crown Street, Laverton next Tuesday, April 5, to learn more about drugs and poisons.

A speaker from the Health Education Centre will talk on Drugs in the Community and Poisons in the home. The meeting starts at 8 pm.

Other activities organised by the club include sewing classes, a film night, handicraft classes, darts, chicken and champagne night and a dinner night in the city.

Club members are Australian, English, Dutch, German, Polish and Italian. New members are welcome.

Inquiries: (After 7 pm) Mrs Amy Grove-Rogers (391 5366), Mrs Doreen Bayliss (399 2514), Mrs Dorothy Taylor (311 5048).

## Koorinal results

Mrs. K. Leccas and Mrs. J. Davis won the Koorinal Golf Club associates' four-ball better ball member-guest day last Tuesday with a score of plus nine. The member-member competition was won by Mrs. K. Fowler and Mrs. H. McIntosh on plus eight.

# 'Gayline' speaker at Apex

The vice-president of Victoria's strongest homosexual groups was guest speaker at the last meeting of Altona Apex.

Mr. Neil Montgomery, from Society 5, told Apex that his group represented 350 members throughout Victoria.

He said research had shown that about eight per cent of Australians, more than one million people were homosexual.

Society 5 helps its members by providing club rooms within the city where people can meet and socialise without harassment and by providing "Gayline", a phone service available to those with problems.

It is also trying to have laws against homosexuals altered by State Parliament.

## Heathcote calls

A back-to-Heathcote festival will be held over Easter (April 7 to April 11). The programme will include street processions, dances, a back-to-school day and white telephone sale.

Proceeds will help buy an ambulance for Heathcote district. For inquiries, contact Heathcote 11 (shire office).

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## DEATHS

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## IN MEMORIAM

**BENNETTS.** — In loving memory of my dear sister Louisa Alice, passed away March 30th, 1970. Life has changed in many ways, But we always remember. — Mavis & Fred.

**ROBSON (Doris Marie).** — Beloved wife of William (Bill) and sister-in-law of Jean, died March 23rd. Inserted by the Burnell family. A patient sufferer at rest.

**ROBINSON (Hannah Louise).** — Passed away March 29th, 1944. Not just today but every day in silence do we remember. — Your loving daughter Myrtle, son-in-law Bill.

**SCOTT** — In loving memory of our parents and grandparents Charlotte Victoria who passed away 28th March 1973 and William Henry who passed away 28th September 1962. When we pause for a while and remember Then the mist of the past quickly clears And we walk once again with our loved ones. As we did in those long ago years. Malcolm, Doreen, Bruce, Ian and Gregory.

**VINES (Florence).** — Passed away April 1, 1976. To be together in the same old way, Would be my dearest wish today. Close to my heart you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day. You left a space no one can fill. I miss you Flo and always will. — Your loving husband Bert and family.

**WHIFFEN (Ern.)** — In loving memory of my dear husband and father passed away March 26th 1973. Still wishing you were here. Your loving wife Dolly and family.

## BIRTHS

**JOWES (Aitken).** — On 7.3.77. To Christine and Barry, a boy (Aaron Trent). Little brother for Michael and Matthew. Thanks to Dr. and staff at Altona Hospital.

**SPLATT.** To Elizabeth and Paul, a daughter, Rebecca Eliece, 22nd March, Williamstown Hospital.

## WEDDING GOLDEN

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Where properties have been connected to the MMBW sewer since October, 1976, rate notices will require amendment. The amended amount due can be obtained on application to the Rates Officer.

Ratepayers are reminded that for tax deduction purposes, rate receipts are no longer necessary. Your City has geared itself to accounting procedures to save your time and expense by posting with your cheque the top portion of your rate notice only together with completed dog registration application form where appropriate. The bottom portion of the rate notice should be retained for your personal record purposes. Persons desiring to avoid postage costs, may deposit rates paid by cheque in the letter box at the Council Offices.

S. FELL,  
TOWN CLERK.

## Easter camp for Altona scouts

Scouts from the 3rd Altona Group will take part in the Stradbroke Cup competition at Eumeralla scout camp, Anglesea, during Easter.

The competition is State-wide and is held every Easter, when scouts test their camping ability.

Items included are campsite layout and its improvement by the use of gadgets, gateways, patrol names, insignias, tent erection, inside layout, kitchen layout, camp hygiene and cooking and presentation of meals.

As well as being a test for the scouts, it is a test for the leaders, who are also required to undertake training courses.

These include camp-

craft, cooking, programme planning, rock planting and water activities.

Leaders must pass the campcraft and cooking test before being allowed to take scouts on a camp and must pass also a water activities course covering all aspects of safety and survival before setting out on hikes.

Many of the leaders are the fathers of scouts and anyone interested in this should contact their nearest group leader, or the scout Association headquarters.

## ALTONA EASTER PLANS

St. Eanswythe's Anglican Church, Queen Street, Altona, will hold the following services during Holy Week and Easter:

Holy communion: 8 p.m. Monday, April 4; Tuesday April 5 and Wednesday, April 6.

On Maundy Thursday, April 7, eucharist, the stripping of the altar and the vigil will begin at 8 p.m.

On Good Friday, April 8, morning prayer will be at 8 o'clock, and the liturgy at 9.30 a.m.

Easter Day's services will begin with holy communion at 8 a.m. with the processing and sung eucharist at 9.30 a.m.

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S. FELL,  
Town Clerk.

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## EASTER HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

GOOD FRIDAY, 8th APRIL, 1977

Garbage usually picked up on Friday will be collected on Thursday, 7th April.

## EASTER MONDAY

(11th APRIL, 1977)

Garbage will be collected as usual.

## RUBBISH TIP

Will be closed Good Friday — April 8.

## NINTH SCHEDULE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1961 Sub-Section (4) of Section 20 STATEMENT RELATING TO TOWN PLANNING APPEAL

Appeal of Mr. W. Hogg, c/- Greenwool Real Estate, Barkly Street, Footscray. 3011 against the refusal of the City of Altona to grant a permit for the erection of 4 villa units on land situated No. 361 (lots 115-119) Blackshaws Road, Altona North.

The grounds of the refusal to grant the permit were: That the proposed use would be an over-development of the site, and would result in a loss of amenity to the surrounding area.

All persons who may be detrimentally affected by the grant of the permit will be entitled to be heard upon the hearing of the appeal if before 16th day of April 1977 they in writing notify the Registrar of Town Planning Appeals, 480 Collins Street, Melbourne, that they wish to be heard.

The above statement is published by direction of the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal.

R. R. LONG,

Signature of Appellant or Agent.

Date of Notice 25th March 1977.

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## Change of image



## And now it's peak sales at Sadler's

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"The response has been first class, in fact we will have a sales record for March," he said.

One of the reasons for the increase has been the introduction of women's fashions and sportswear, which are selling extremely well, says Peter.

"What we've tried to do is satisfy the same customers as before... but we're now covering wider fields."

"We have quality merchandise but we are still able to beat the discounters."

Items sold at the store include: lingerie, men's and boys' wear, general haberdashery, women's fashions and sportswear.

Peter, 26, has been in the clothing trade all his working life.

He started out at Myer Melbourne where he became sectional manager. Later, he became a buyer of menswear for a national discount chain before going into business himself.

That was in 1973 when, with the help of his father, he started business at Burke's in Pier Street.

Peter recalled that those first years in business were pleasing.

"My previous experience held me in good stead but, really it was an entirely different role... and it was more of a risk," he added.

With eight people on the staff and business improving all the time, much of the risk has gone, although Peter still finds the job demanding.

"I often stay on after hours and even spend weekends here," he admitted.

His involvement with the business means that he no longer has time to play lacrosse with the Williamstown club, preferring to spend any spare time with his wife, Joanne, and children, Peter and Prudence.

Born and bred in Williamstown, Peter and his family live in Charles Street.

Peter had a final word to say about the shop. "I think the staff has a lot to do with the increase in business... they are co-operative and give personal service."

# Athletes up to A grade

Williamstown Amateur Athletic Club has been promoted to A grade.

The club's B-grade side had to finish in the first three placings of the inter-venue grand final to qualify for promotion. They finished second.

Williamstown has been trying to gain promotion for a number of years. They have won venue premierships but lacked strength in the important inter-venue finals.

Most outstanding in the finals were Paul Jamieson, Shane Dooley and Greg McKay who all broke club records.

First event in the finals on Saturday was the 400m hurdles.

Shane Dooley broke his own club record in the first heat and Ian Jackson ran well in the second heat.

John Condon and George Adams filled in the 1500m walk.

Brian Davidson won the long jump, qualified in the pole vault and ran second in the 110m hurdles.

Peter McHardy threw 41.53m in the javelin.

Paul Jamieson, Shane Dooley and Anthony Gaggino all ran second in their 200m heats.

These three, plus Ian Jackson formed the 4 x 200m relay team which broke the club record established only three weeks ago.

Greg McKay established a new club record for the 800m and Rob McLaren broke two minutes for the event. Terry Phelan just

missed running his season's best.

In the 5000m, Eero Keranen ran 15:06.8, Terry Phelan 15:45.0 and Rob Hutcheon 16:10.0.

Final points, Striders 398, Williamstown 364, Oakleigh 352, Preston 340, Kew/Camberwell 298, Frankston 256.

Because athletes were saved for the promotion effort, C and D grades suffered.

C finished fifth and D, sixth.

Best performances in C grade: Daryl Whinney and Brenton Dodd (400m hurdles), Ian McKay (200m), Peter Tiktakis and Gary Hall, John Handley (800m), Peter Tiktakis (5000m), Graham Shaw (javelin).

Best in D grade: Daryl Whinney (200m), Grant McKay (800m), Graham Shaw, Greg Kidd (110m hurdles), Rob McLaren (5000m).

Sub junior A finished sixth. Best were Barry McCready, Matthew Webster, Stuart Bagga, Charlie Yankos, Ross Williams.

Despite being disqualified from the relay, the Under-13 team came second.

Best athletes were John Barnett, Paul Lowden, Terry Martin and Gary Strachan.

## Western pigeon races results

Results from Western Pigeon Federation competitions last Saturday:

Newport: K. O'Sullivan 1221 mpm, A. Sander-Heyden 1218, M. de Keyzer 1214, J. Mallia 1188.

Altona: R. Mizzi 1196, B. and J. Demme 1189.7, E. and M. Bonnici 1189.6.

Medway: S. Vella 1255, A. Mangion 1248, A. Spiteri 1247, P. Shaz 1242.

Werribee: M. Tottle 1146, J. Baird and Son 1142, T. Kiatkowski 1112.

St. Albans: R. Baldacchino 1258, A. Saggars 1256.2, W. Beasley 1256, A. Micallex 1252.

Sunshine: Baker and Diquattro 1252, J. Cassar 1243, S. Cuembri and Son 1232.

Laverton: R. Nolan 1150, J. Meyer 1149, J. Slec-tenhorst 1129.

Williamstown: M. de Keyzer 1214.

Maidstone: C. Cotton 1224, L. Burns 1168, P. Spiteri 1063.

Keilor: C. De Bono 1253, J. Gillespie and Son 1252, K. Priestley 1241.9, P. Roberts 1241.7.

Deer Park: J. Zahra

1238, A. de Siro 1234.1, C. Dombleton 1234.

### FEDERATION RESULTS

R. Baldacchino 1258, 1; A. Saggars, 1256.1, 2; W. Beasley 1256, 3; S. Vella, 1255, 4; C. de Bono 1254, 5; A. Micallef, 1252.7, 6; Baker and Diquattro, 1252.5, 7; J. Gillespie 1252.3, 8; P. West 1252.2, 9; G. Pullis, 1252.1, 10.

## Disabled

Several disabled people in the western region are considering forming a Footscray Disabled Citizens Group.

They hope to advise and make recommendations to council, business and other bodies on matters affecting disabled people.

These would include architectural barriers, employment, recreation and education.

Any disabled person interested in joining should ring Pat Tandy on 689 4133 or Geoff Bell on 689 4888.

## Luciano second to win 200 rubbers

Luciano Azzopardi has become the second player from Williamstown High School Table Tennis Club to win 200 rubbers.

He turned in the score while leading his team to a win in the Western Suburbs Table Tennis Association's A reserve preliminary final.

Luciano has been playing only five seasons and has now won 202 rubbers and lost only 28.

Williamstown High has two teams playing in the WSTTA grand finals this week.

Latest results: NTTA semi final — Co-burg 6 d. WHS Nilson 3 (Jason Warland, 2, Paul Miles 1).

WSTTA A reserve semi-final — Williamstown High 6 (Jason Warland 2, Gary Hoffmann 2, Luciano

Azzopardi 1 and 1 doubles) d Spotswood 0.

WSTTA C1, grade 1st semi-final — Williamstown High 6 (Geoff van Wyngaarden 2, Tommy Chan 2, Peter Davies 1 and 1 doubles) d East Footscray 0.

WSTTA E1 grade 2nd semi-final — Williamstown High 6 (Anthony Watts 2, Alex Hell 2, Claudio Azzopardi 1 and 1 doubles) d Rebels 5.

Final aggregates: A reserve — Jason Warland 38-4; C grade — Geoff van Wyngaarden 34-8; D grade — Leanne Addison 24-15; E grade — Anthony Watts 40-5.

## Walk of witness

The Altona Council of Churches will hold a Good Friday Walk of Witness at 1 pm on April 8.

Members will meet at St Eanswythe's Anglican Church in Queen Street at 1 pm to walk to Altona Baptist Church.

They will walk along The Esplanade, Pier Street, Railway Street and via St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome.

## Top Seagulls are Joslin and Gibson

Les Joslin has won Williamstown Cricket Club's batting average for 1976-77 and opening bowler Andrew Gibson has topped the bowling list.

The club has just finished its 125th season and it was the first time Gibson had taken out the honors.

The second XI batting average honors went to young 18-year-old all-rounder Trevor Smith and veteran captain John Fowler won the bowling average, for the second successive season.

Winners of the special effort, decided last Thursday night at Williamstown Technical School Assembly Hall were:

Mrs. Marj Hallett, Newport 1; Mr. Joe Briggs, North Melbourne, 2; Mr. Russ Staker, Spotswood, 3.

The club's presentation night will be at the Highway Inn, Ballarat Road, Sunshine, on April 7.

Tickets, at \$25 are available by calling Mr. Phill McTaggart on 397 1800 during working hours or 397 7212 after hours.

## Hick Timbers make final

Hick Timbers, playing their first season in Western Suburbs Table Tennis Association, have won a place in the C grade grand final.

This happened when Hick lifted from 5-2 to defeat Williamstown High School 6-5 in the preliminary final.

Scores were: Mick Byrne 1, Glen Marks 3, Dale Simpson 1 and one double.

Other grades:

A reserve — WHS d. Spotswood 6-0 (J. Warland 2, C. Hoffmann 2, L. Azzopardi 1, one doubles).

B-grade — Williamstown Seagulls d. Rebels 6-2 (C. Blake 2, R. Gaggino 1, J. Byrne 1, two doubles).

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